



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MESA LANE STEPS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

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The City of Santa Barbara anticipates that construction of the Mesa Lane Steps Reconstruction Project will begin the week of September 4, 2012. Over the last two years, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) completed the project design and permitting process to undertake the repairs and to secure funding for the project. The Department was recently awarded a \$200,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy and the City Council authorized the remaining funding needed to complete project construction.

The project includes the demolition of the last landing and flight of wood stairs as well as the concrete foundation and steps. The stairs will be reconstructed with stainless steel piles, stainless steel stairs, and concrete steps to the beach. Consistent with California Coastal Commission requirements, the new stairs are designed to last a minimum of 50 years, withstand a 50-year storm event, and meet expected sea rise over a 50-year period. The total footprint of the stairs on the beach will decrease from an estimated 150 square feet to 50 square feet.

The stairs will be fenced and closed for the duration of construction: September 4, 2012 until mid-November, 2012. For public safety there will be no access to the beach from Mesa Lane during construction. Other nearby access will remain available at the following locations: Arroyo Burro Beach Park, Thousand Steps, Shoreline Park and Leadbetter Beach Park.

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